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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. JORDAN AIR DEFENSE: HUSSEIN OPTS FOR A LOW PROFILE

KING HUSSEIN TOLD AMBASSADOR PICKERING YESTERDAY THAT:

--JORDAN WILL REFRAIN FROM ANY FURTHER PUBLIC STATEMENTS WHILE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE BETWEEN THE US AND THE SAUDIS.

--RIFAI'S STATEMENT WAS DESIGNED TO TAKE SOME OF THE STING OUT OF HIS US PRESS CONFERENCE REMARK WHICH SEEMED TO BLAME THE SAUDIS FOR THE IMPASSE.

--AT THIS POINT, HE CONSIDERS THE MATTER STRICTLY BETWEEN THE US AND THE SAG.

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AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: THE KING IS CLEARLY MORE SYMPATHETIC THAN RIFAI TO THE IDEA OF STAYING QUIET. HE IS ALSO THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN KEEP RIFAI IN CHECK. (SECRET) AMMAN 2151 (EXDIS), 4/21.)

2. MACHEL WANTS INCREASED US PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA

IN AN APRIL 20 CONVERSATION WITH SENATOR PERCY, MOZAMBICAN PRESIDENT MACHEL ASKED THE US TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN ORGANIZING EXPANDED ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RHODESIA AND IN APPLYING ECONOMIC PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA TO COMPLETE THE ISOLATION OF RHODESIA. MACHEL ALSO SAID:

--THE US MUST NOT REPEAT THE ERROR IT MADE IN ANGOLA OF CREATING OR SUPPORTING BOGUS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS UNDER SOUTH AFRICAN OR WESTERN INFLUENCE.

--THE US OBSESSION WITH POSSIBLE COMMUNIST INTERVENTION IN RHODESIA COULD LEAD TO A SITUATION IN WHICH THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS MAY BE TEMPTED TO INTERVENE.

--MOZAMBIQUE DOES NOT WANT A LARGE COMMUNIST MILITARY PRESENCE IN MOZAMBIQUE OR IN RHODESIA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) PRETORIA 1840, 4/21.)

3. SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS: THE THAW BEGINS

THE INDIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO PEKING TOLD EMBASSY NEW DELHI HE EXPECTED NO DRAMATIC DEVELOPMENTS IN SINO-INDIAN RELATIONS, BUT PREDICTED A GRADUAL WARMING TREND. SPECIFICALLY:

--TRADE IS UNLIKELY TO INCREASE, AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE CANTON TRADE FAIR IN OCTOBER.

--INDIA WILL BE WATCHING CHINESE ARMS DELIVERIES ON THE SUBCONTINENT FOR A CLUE AS TO THE KIND OF RELATIONS PEKING REALLY DESIRES.

--THE SOVIETS ARE NOT ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS, BUT HAVE BEEN CAREFUL NOT TO CRITICIZE IT.

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EMBASSY COMMENT: THE SINO-INDIAN MOVE IS BOTH SENSIBLE AND USEFUL IN TERMS OF INCREASING THE BALANCE OF INDIAN FOREIGN POLICY AND DIMINISHING TENSIONS ON THE SUBCONTINENT. THE SHORT-TERM EFFECT ON INDO-SOVIET RELATIONS WILL PROBABLY NOT BE LARGE, BUT THE SOVIETS MUST BE AWARE THAT HENCEFORTH

THE INDIANS MAY BE MORE MINDFUL OF CHINESE SENSITIVITIES
WHEN THEY DEAL WITH THE SOVIETS. (CONFIDENTIAL) NEW DELHI
5824, 4/21.)

4. AFRO-ARAB MINISTERS VENT THEIR DIFFERENCES

EMBASSY DAKAR REPORTS INTRA- AND INTER-BLOC WRANGLING AT
THE AFRO-ARAB FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE. ACCORDING TO
THE EMBASSY:

--ARGUMENTS HAVE ARISEN BETWEEN OIL-PRODUCING AFRICAN
NATIONS AND THEIR LESS FORTUNATE BRETHREN OVER THE
EFFECT OF PETROLEUM PRICES ON NATIONAL ECONOMIES.

--SENEGAL AND NIGERIA HAVE CARRIED THEIR LONG-STANDING
DIFFERENCES INTO THE CONFERENCE.

--THE ARABS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT AFRICAN USE OF ECO-
NOMIC AID, WHILE THE AFRICANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE
POLITICAL STRINGS ATTACHED TO THE HANDOUTS.

THE EMBASSY ADDS THERE HAS REPORTEDLY BEEN NO DISCUSSION OF
ISRAEL. THE DELEGATIONS FROM GUINEA AND ANGOLA, WHICH HAVE
NOT YET ARRIVED, PROBABLY WILL NOT ATTEND. (LIMITED OFFI-
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